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1. ASSISTANT US NAVAL ATTACHE DISCUSSED THE PNG PROBLEM (INCLUDING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A) WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL FISHING BUREAU ON JUNE 13 AND 19. THE DIRECTOR MAINTAINED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROC FISHING CRAFT LIES WITH THE OWNER OF THE CRAFT AND SAID THAT ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF THE CRAFT WOULD BE NECESSARY SO THAT THE HOPER OWNER CAN BE NOTIFIED.

2. ALL ROC FISHING CRAFT ARE REGISTERED WITH THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL FISHING BUREAU AND HAVE A REGISTRATION NUMBER CONSISTING OF TWO LETTERS AND A FIVE DIGIT NUMBER (E.G. CT3-0800) ON THE STARBOARD BOW. THE NAME OF THE VESSEL IS WRITTEN ON THE PORT BOW IN CHINESE CHARACTERS AND IN AN ENGLISH APPROXIMATION OF THE SOUND OF THE CHINESE NAME. THE ENGLISH VERSION IS NOT BASED ON STANDARD ROMANIZATION AND, TO ADD TO THE COMPLICATION, MAY BE BASED ON A LOCAL TAIWANESE DIALECT. THEREFORE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SHIP ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH NAME IS MOST UNCERTAIN.

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3. FYI: THE STANDARD TELEGRAPHIC CODE IS A SYSTEM

WHEREBY CHINESE CHARACTERS ARE IDENTIFIED BY FOUR-DIGIT
NUMBERS SO THAT THEY CAN BE TRANSMITTED TELEGRAPHICALLY.
SINCE USE OF THIS SYSTEM REQUIRES HAVING ACCESS TO A
CHINESE TELEGRAPHIC CODE BOOK, IT WOULD NOT APPEAR
FEASIBLE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES; THEREFORE THE BEST MEANS OF
IDENTIFYING THE ROC CRAFT IS BY THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ON
THE STARBOARD BOW. END FYI

4. PLEASE OBTAIN BOW NUMBERS OF THREE BEACHED VESSELS AND
WE WILL PASS TO GROC AUTHORITIES SOONEST AND HOPEFULLY

THEY WILL THEN BE ABLE TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP. IF VESSELS
ARE UNNUMBERED, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THEY ARE NOT FROM
TAIWAN OR NOT REGISTERED AND IN EITHER CASE WOULD PROBABLY
NOT ELICIT ANY FURTHER INTEREST FROM HERE.
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